

By: Senator(s) Gordon

To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2178

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SALARY TO BE PAID TO THE JUSTICE COURT CLERKS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF
4 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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6 SECTION 1. Section 9-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 9-11-27. The board of supervisors of each county shall, at
9 its own expense, appoint one (1) person to serve as clerk of the
10 justice court system of the county, and may appoint such other
11 employees for the justice court of the county as it deems
12 necessary, including a person or persons to serve as deputy clerk
13 or deputy clerks. The board of supervisors of each county with
14 two (2) judicial districts may, at its own expense, appoint two
15 (2) persons to serve as clerks of the justice court system of the
16 county, one (1) for each judicial district, and may appoint such
17 other employees for the justice court system of the county as it
18 deems necessary including persons to serve as deputy clerks. The
19 clerk and deputy clerks shall be empowered to file and record
20 actions and pleadings, to receive and receipt for monies, to
21 acknowledge affidavits, to issue warrants in criminal cases upon
22 direction by a justice court judge in the county, to approve the
23 sufficiency of bonds in civil and criminal cases, to certify and
24 issue copies of all records, documents and pleadings filed in the
25 justice court and to issue all process necessary for the operation
26 of the justice court. The clerk or deputy clerks may refuse to
27 accept a personal check in payment of any fine or cost or to

28 satisfy any other payment required to be made to the justice
29 court. All orders from the justice court judge to the clerk of
30 the justice court shall be written. All cases, civil and
31 criminal, shall be assigned by the clerk to the justice court
32 judges of the county in the manner provided in Section 11-9-105
33 and Section 99-33-2. Each justice court clerk shall receive as
34 full compensation for his services an annual salary of not less
35 than Twenty-four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00). The salary shall
36 be payable by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of
37 supervisors on the general fund of the county.

38 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 1999.